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Bookmakers and Bootleggers.

In the National Capital law is being gamblers and liquor dealers have fixed takes a hand. places of business, drummers for trade, established telephone connecliquor as it is to purchase a cigar or a pound of sugar.

small and the chances of punishment when arrested so remote that they business, little if any more serious in point of numbers and character. as whisky will pay the bootlegger's ing him from custody. required to pay were their business tice. not outside the law.

The police and enforcement officers the number is unaccountably small compared with the numbers engaged preme within our borders. in the outlaw enterprises and the openness of the traffic. And even then it is a long time between arrest and punishment, if punishment comes at all. The offender is not kept long away from his business, for the professional bondsman is at hand, anxious to go security for so good a risk. If, after almost interminable delays, conviction is obtained and a penalty is imposed, the jail sentence is likely to be remitted or the prisoner placed on "probation." The number of bookmakers and bootleggers who actually get behind prison bars is so negligible that it fails utterly to serve as a deterrent to the criminals.

Bookmaking and bootlegging are just as much crimes as are burglary and arson. Not only are the bookmakers and the bootleggers themmaking criminals of their victims, and year, while there are republicans murthey are making abettors of crime of respectable" citizens who smile tolerantly at evasion and violation of the law and find amusement in it. They are more a menace to society and good government than the burglar and the firebug.

The Buckeye Democracy.

The Dayton banquet makes plainer still what already was very plain, that the democrats of Ohio will exert themselves to the utmost to carry the state this year, for effect not only at home but on the country at large. Ohio is the President's state, and should it go against him two years after going overwhelmingly for him, the republican discouragement would become widespread.

Consider the Buckeye Big Four, and how they are related to the coming campaign:

Gov. Cox has his lightning rod up for 1924. Once is not enough for him. as it progresses. He wants another try at the White House, and thinks another will be successful. And it must be admitted that democratic success in Ohio next November would advance Cox stock conmiderably.

Mr. Pomerene wants another term in the Senate, and is reasonably assured of renomination. He makes a good figure in the Senate, and has

strength at home. Former Gov. Harmon is willing to re-enter politics and lend the use of his name to his party this year. He is under consideration for the guberna

torial nomination. George White, former chairman of the democratic national committee, is foot loose, and while an aspirant for

governor will support the party's nom inee with all the power he possess This is a formidable team, and, pulling together, should make the contest one of "pep" and spirit. The repub-

Lenin and Trotsky constitute the only "bloc" that has any real political influence in Russia.

licans must look alive. .

Watch the Gas Heaters. Warning is given by the fire chief to all users of gas heaters to be extremely careful in their use, not only on the score of exposure of flame to contact with light materials, but the leakage of gas through loose connecly safe, where the flame is confined in any prescribed surface. Until that a dram. But even these, if overheated, comes everybody should be cautious. may start fires if light materials are

them for a time. and crack after a while, and in that before the ice is tested, and who slips condition they permit the escape of through a hole or breaks through the gas which may cause explosions or surface when there is no one near to the Therefore these help, Small boys should be especially b

Metal-covered tubes ars superior, for they lessen the danger of leaks. But even metal tubes have rubber joint

entact and permit gas to escape. All these matters should be carefully borne in mind and the equipment of a gas heater frequently examit is a sign of danger. Do not tolerate places, at least. it because it is only a whiff. That equipment. A little attention at such times will prevent disaster.

The Anti-Lynching Bill.

The House yesterday, by a majority of over a hundred, passed the antilynching bill. Seventeen republicans voted against and eight democrats for the measure. The fight will be renewed in the Senate.

Surely the lynching evil should be mocked and brought into contempt by stamped out, and as surely it never the unchecked activities of book- will be stamped out unless the namakers and bootleggers. The illicit tional government by some means

The evil has grown alarmingly of late years, and is now no longer sections, and lack only painted signs and tional or racial. Mobs have appeared window displays to have full status as in all sections and taken victims from commercial establishments. It is all both races. They started with the most as easy to put down a bet on the rope, then added the pistol, and then races or buy a "shorty" of alleged the torch, in carrying out their purposes; and not long since at a farm in Georgia human beings were chained together, weighted with stones, and drowned in a running stream.

Statistics are kept, and one year's can be accepted as natural risks of ferocities are compared with another's

than the hazard of fire or other perils It so happened that yesterday while to legitimate enterprise. And the the House was taking this action profits of the business are so enor- Canadian authorities were refusing exmous that occasional arrests and im- tradition papers in the case of an position of moderate fines become a American negro wanted in North Carojoke. The bookmaker who is haled lina on serious charges who had found into court and fined \$100 has only to refuge in the Dominion. He had pleadspread a false tip next day, catch a ed that if returned to the United States few more suckers, and he is ahead of he would be lynched; and the Canadi the game. Profits from the sale of a ans, familiar with our lynching recfew quarts of the stuff now sold ord, granted him protection by releas-

fine. All the fines imposed in the Canada is a friendly country, and

Since our reputation for violence spreading and injuring us abroad, do make arrests now and then, but every effort should be exerted to make have always been prominent in literathe law as respects human life su-

What Will the Answer Be?

The political situation in the coun try, except in the lower south where the democratic party has a sure thing at all times, is such as to cause specuuncertainty.

Is the democratic party coming back, and will the first evidence of the fact be registered in November? There are democrats who answer yes conno a little hesitatingly.

One hears this confessed on all sides: The colossal and masterful combination which swept the country in November, 1920, no longer exists Many of the democrats who expressed discontent then have returned to the old fold and will be "regular" this muring about the way things have

nine months. In their organization work the democrats are rounding up the voters who "erred and strayed" from the well beaten path two years ago, and are

to give victory. The republicans in their organization work are proceeding upon the proposition that, brought face to face with the necessity of choosing between old-time friends and old-time opponents, the murmuring members of the household will decide to bear the ills that exist rather than take chances of

oringing on greater ones. It is a situation that appeals strongy to the fighting spirit, and both parties are full of fighters. And as both parties are measurably in action aleady, there will be nine months of a struggle certain to grow in intensity the old days what is now termed

The subject of forest conservation, which has for many years been prominent in scientific discussion, is now commended to the consideration of the farmer. It opens into a long, difficult line of thought, whose conclusions so far have been unsatisfactory. The farmer is used to struggling with hard problems, being regarded as a most industrious citizen, with abundant time nevertheless for leisurely cogitation on theoretical lines.

China mildly suggests that as the most ancient nation on earth she is But presently a ray of comfort flut old enough to conduct her ewn public

Occasionally the handbook makers come to attention with the reminder that bootlegging does not afford the "It's evident that I appear exceeding only illicit and untaxed profits.

It is now intimated that a great deal of money went up in the air, while airships did not.

The nations of Europe do not look forward to an Uncle Samless parley with any confidence whatever.

Skating in Washington.

Skating time has come. Ice on the

basin and ice on Rock creek. Ice perhaps on the reflecting basin east of tions and deteriorated tubings. The the Lincoln Memorial. Ice on the river. other day a weman was burned to In some places it is now perfectly death in this city when her dress ig- safe. In other places it is not safe yet. nited from an open-flame heater. This Official supervision is given to the thing may occur in any home where thickness of the ice, and the word will ges is used for heating purposes. Cer- be given when in the judgment of the tain types of heaters are comparative- authorities it is safe to venture on Skating accidents come from two permitted to come in contact with causes, venturing individually on thin ice and the overcrowding of the sur-There is grave danger in neglected | face. There is more danger in the case rubber tubings. These pipes harden of the individual skater who goes out

tubes should be frequently renewed. warned against taking chances alon

steps should be provided at close incaps which lose their elasticity, and tervals all around the edge to permit onsequently loosen at the point of free access to and exit from the ice. This is a wonderful surface and makes an ideal skating pond. But in the past there has been danger of con gestion at certain points where the ice ined. If there is any odor of gas in an is entered and left. It should be posapartment where a gas heater is used | sible to reach the surface from a dozen

A skating pond on the reflecting whist may grow into a volume at any basin would be even better in point of time. Regard the first sniff of illum- safety than the tidal basin, because of inating gas as a red flag on the road, the shallower depth of water. A seri- place in this city at the call of the Congress, if it is carried through, and immediately look into the cou- ous accident could not occur there, and plings and tubings and keys of the it will be possible by successive floodings to add to the thickness of the ice and insure a good surface at all times. It is, furthermore, conveniently acces-

A refusal to limit senatorial speeches strictly to the subject in hand will protect the arts of oratory often hannens that the most entertainperiod in a speech is more or less in the nature of a by-product.

English citizens should not regret the transfer of the Gainsborough "Blue Boy" to America. The price America is willing to pay for art course of a year on both bookmakers our relations with her preclude the whether pictorial, musical or literary. and bootleggers would not amount to thought that she would have taken ought to be regarded as a compliment a fraction of the taxes they would be this action unless convinced of its jus- to any nation that can produce the

> European impressions of America ture, and as a return of compliment American impressions of Europe are low assuming importance in diplo-

Those who say that the Washington conference has been without effect are not giving consideration to France's lation galore, and a general feeling of warning that it has probably started

Financing the Soldier Bonus.

"This session of Congress will see the passage of a soldier bonus bill," is the unequivocal statement of the Philadelphia Public Ledger (independent), and it seems to be generally accepted by newspapers that the prediction is correct. "The merits of the bonus," says the Pittsburgh Sun (democratic), "seem not to be taken into consideration by the administration," and it expresses the prevailing democratic sentiment when it says further that "the chief desire at Washington seems to be to satisfy the veterans, who as a potential positional power are not to be scoffed at, and to delude the taxpayers generally into thinkfing that the bonus." Sonkeams Review (independent on order to secure their return to the House or Senate," the Spokame Review (independent on order to secure their return to the House or Senate," the Spokame Review (independent on Spokame Review Mr. James M. Cox does not make it exactly clear whether his recent speech is to be contemplated as the fidently, and republicans who answer epilogue of the late campaign or the prologue of the next.

The original propositions on which Lenin founded the so-called soviet government do not appear to have any more permanent status than the average party platform.

Congress has brought out the fact that some of our District officials are economical and unostentatious as litical to be willing to ride in the modest flivver.

at, and to delude the taxpayers generally into thinking that the bonus is costing them nothing." In fact the Sioux City Journal (republican) finds "the republicans in Congress between the devil and the deep sea on this proposition, damned if they do and damned if they don't."

The New York Times (independent to admit to the voters that the immediate tax burden is going to be heavied by reason of the bonus." The statement by mine owners that between the devil and the deep sea on this proposition, damned if they do and damned if they do and damned if they do and damned if they do it."

The New York Times (independent democratic) stigmatizes the proposed legislation as a "bribe" to the soldier vote to save republican congressmen "from defeat next fall," but granting that the movement may be "largely political." the Lansing State Journal (independent) suggests that "inasmuch as numerous popular tests disclose that the voters are for the bonus in their own states, those not without hope of driving in with the ultimate consumer will have to them enough discontented republicans bear the cost of any increase in wages is one of the safest predictions recently ventured.

German statesmen evidently assume that a reparation payment will be more appreciated if made to seem as hard as possible.

An adequate water supply is, after all, a very modest request for the Capital city of the greatest nation in

Language grows more refined. In "bloc" would have been called

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Ponce De Leon.

Old Poncie took a trip to smiling Florida, they say, taste the waters flowing there

But "the bonus question is loaded," as the Philadelphia Public Ledger goes on to say. President Harding has made it unmistakably clear that he will not approve bonus legislation that does not carry with it a definite means for raising the money appropriated, and the New York Post. In the country will thorougnly approve this demand that Congress shall not shift its responsibility." Although, as the Richmond Times Dispatch (demogratic) puts it, "legislators with more faith than judgment have assured the country that there would be no difficulty about raising the bonus money," there still remains to be devised a concrete working plan to ward that end.

Three plans, the Springfield Union (republican) tells us, have been proposed, each of which, incidentally, "has a few friends and more enemies." These are: First, an issue of bonds tup to the sum required; second, the eleven billion dollar foreign debt to our government; and third, a special tax levy, for which there have been two suggestions a sales tax and a tax on light wines and beer."

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Thus far most of the editorial discussion has been upon the second of the scheme in such manner as to make its adoption unlikely. If, as the Chicago News (independent) suggests, the proposal to pay the bonus out of the interest received from foreign debtors was "in the nature of trial balloons launched to test the winds of public sentiment," the reaction must have been decisive, for the interest received from foreign debtors was "in the nature of trial balloons launched to test the winds of public sentiment," the reaction must have been decisive, for the scheme in such an array and the trial balloons launc make men young and gay. And when he left the big hotel caused him some unrest To find his board bill called for all th coin that he possessed.

tered through his heart. paid the bill and joyously mad

ready to depart. "That fountain has performed, the trick!" he murmured all serene young and green."

Gone Higher Up. "Are there many grafters in poli

the newspaper friends of the proposition are few indeed. The South Bend Tribune (independent republican) sees "poetic justice" in such an arrangement, for "the American soldiers fought for the cause in behalf of which the debts were contracted," and "both form part of the contribution this country made toward winning the war"; therefore it is fitting that "the returns from the one should be devoted to manifesting appreciation of the other."

The Buffalo Express (independent republican) thinks "there will be no objection" to such use of payments on the loans once "they begin to come in," and the El Paso Times (democratic), while granting that this way of financing the bonus "may not be the best method," feels none the less that "if such a measure were passed it would be formal and definite notification to those countries that we intend to get our money are notified. tics?" "No, sir," replied Senator Sorghum emphatically. "A really expert grafter nowadays takes life so easy that he doesn't have to bother with the ordinary work of politics."

Jud Tunkins says optimism is leasant dream, and pessimism is the useful but unwelcome alarm clock.

Good As New.

Oh, Congress is a busy spot. For further laws the people call, Though we already have a lot That never have been used at all.

The Proprieties. "Your grandmother says your style of costume is improper.' "She's right," replied Miss Cavenne 'It would be-for grandmother."

that we intend to get our money eventually."

But most of the opinion coincides more closely with the declaration of the New York World (democratic) that "a more vicious, a more mischievous proposal has never been made." By promising "to devote the interest of the allied debt to a bonus," the World asserts, the majority party hopes "to placate business while at the same time quieting the service men until after another Congress is chosen," since "the republican leaders are well aware that they cannot pay a bonus by means of taxation, be-"What do you think of that farm bloc' in Congress?" "As far as I have been able to take

notice," answered Farmer Corntossel "most of its members do rather more

The Agricultural Conference and the Country's Vital Need

BY THOMAS NELSON PAGE.

To the Editor of The Star: HAVE been much struck by the small amount of attention given in the press to the work of the important and far-reaching ag-

important and far-reaching agricultural conference at present taking government. The President's admirable address

quite generally reported in full, and rightly, for he spoke in clear terms for both the government and the peo-Washington has many facilities for this most enjoyable outdoor winter sport. It is unusually well equipped in this respect. It has, indeed, better opportunities for skating than the weather permits. The local winters are not severe enough to make and maintain ice for long periods, but when the ice does come it is enjoyed by thousands. Among the dwellers here are many from the north, accustomed to sharp winters and low temperatures and all-winter skating.

Southerners, too, have learned to enjoy this delightful and invigorating and healthful sport. Washington thus Washington has many facilities for ple. But the sound and thoughtful has always been the system of repre-proposed to find a remedy therefor would be news.

ers of the corn belt in the west are producers and the consumers-the from dangerous discouragement. It burning corn because in present con- farmers and householders, rural and ditions of transportation charges and urban-take as toll so unconscionable ing epigram or the most striking marketing expenses it is cheaper for a part of the products of the farm as them to burn corn than coal; cheaper the transportation companies and for farmers there and elsewhere to middleman agencies are shown by all limit the raising of cattle under pres- the reports to do, it is a deadly blow, ent conditions than to carry it on as heretofore. But yet it would be news if the public were informed how destifying the representa-

the bonus in their own states, those

who are hoping for re-election this coming fall can hardly be blamed for taking the stand they do." But "the bonus question is loaded," as the Philadelphia Public Ledger

that we intend to get our money

are combining and beginning to look

This creation of "blocks" in our would be in itself one of the most radical changes that our government has at the opening of the session was legislative action as carried on in some of the European governments. is as essentially different from what

When throughout this country the It might not be news that the farm- agencies that interpose between the

if the public were informed how desperately in earnest the representatives of the farming element are to go to the bottom of the causes of this inequality which is cutting the very roots of the necessaries of life not only for other countries, where, according to the news, today given forth, great myrlads of people are almost starving to death, but for our own country as well.

The imposition has become so great that at last the entire agricultural soft of the farmers are calling on the government for aid. Hitherto they have been laughed at—their efforts to meet the combinations against them have been treated with contempt. Today, they

problem of how they may touch pitch and not be defiled. Wanting the Rus-sian trade, hungering for it mightly, they do not want Lenin in London rambling about and stirring up the

English reds. Seams and cracks are opening in

why are so many of us unhappy?

—Asheville Times.

If President Harding were a venge-ful man, he might retaliate on the movies by appointing one of their stars to the vacant cabinet position.— Nashville Banner.

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